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THE BADGER



Dear
LARRY,:

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Note to all:

Yes, I have abandoned my old time-tested, worn-out method of writing to you/comics by sending individual index cards in a mass mailing. I will now send you a "mass-letter!" Is this OK? I certainly hope so, because it is faster! And don't let it prevent you from printing my comments in your letters page! Pass this letter on to another editor once you have read it!

Badger #10: Oh my! The Badger got beat! Amazing! I like the storyline (sort of Rambo and... what was the movie with Robin Williams?). However, I missed the Druid! Zoomtown is interesting, but I hate to see less Badger!

Them Bones
P.O. Box 671
McDonough, GA 30253

Hey, Bones! Did you break the period on your typewriter or are just very hyper!?! Per your request, I've passed your letter on to Jim Shooter! (Now do you think he'll mention me in a letters column!?!)

Dear Larry:

I've been expecting the "big event" that occurred in the Badger #10 to pop its unexpected head in some future issue of the Badger, but not this soon!

Like the saying goes, there's always someone out there with more money or more martial arts experience, as in this case, than you!

Yes, the big event I knew would come eventually was the !?## whipping of the Badger by a guy named Hodag yet!

I always view the Badger as the unbeatable super do-gooder who walks around minding his own business, but trouble always seems to find him, and... excuse me, there's a noise outside my window! Oops, woo-woo!! Nyuck-nyuck! Crash! There that's better. Where was I? Anyways, though it's nice to have the Badger knocked down a peg or two once in a while, let's not have a dozen "villains" able to put the Badger in his place.

Now, about the Badger's mental abnormality, woo! woo! I don't think he has one, Larry! Nyuck, nyuck!

Rick (L.A.) Steel
Cleveland, OH

Have you been talking to "Them Bones" lately, Rick?

Dear Mike and Bill:

I don't believe it. You guys let the Badger get his ass (excuse my language) kicked by that punk Hodag??! I mean, I love the long fight scene; but the Badger getting his butt kicked? The Badger? I couldn't believe it. I hope the

Badger kicks his ass (excuse me, again) next issue -- and hard.

How about you guys at First coming out with a Badger Annual or Special, and later on a Badger Graphic Novel. I mean you know the saying: "What's good for Nexus is good for the Badger."

Plus, I have several things that I would like to comment on, so bear with me:

1. First, how about bringing back the original Badger costume? It was much better. Plus, it would thrill me if you brought back that Badger jacket introduced in Badger #4. Awesome. If you guys sold them, I'd buy one.

2. Can you people at First re-sell the Badger posters that Capital used to sell? They are absolutely dynamic, and I must have one or two.



3. To be funny here (and serious), let's see the Badger start biting things again like in that Nexus appearance.

4. Lastly, I just need a little information: How many other buttons and stuff do you plan to release on the Badger? I have three Badger buttons so far. Also, how about a Badger t-shirt? I'm sure Badger fans will agree with me that this is a nice item to come out with. Well, how about it?

Rodney Risbrook
Brooklyn, NY 11224

1. Anything's possible.

2. No; but maybe we'll do our own.

3. See #1 above and Nexus #23, on sale next month.

4. As many as people will pay for, and there's already at least one Badger t-shirt. Ask your local retailer. If he doesn't have any, tell him to contact his distributor and order a million today!

And thanks a lot for your suggestion for a Badger annual/ special/graphic novel. I just got through convincing Mike that Bill didn't have time to draw it and telling Bill that Mike couldn't possibly get to it until sometime next year. Now I'll have to start all over!

Unless, of course, we receive a lot of mail demanding it -- preferably accompanied by large sums of cash.

ARE THERE BADGERS IN GEORGIA?

There will be later this month! Badger penciller Bill Reinhold, letterer Steve Haynie, and publisher Rick Obadiah will all be in Georgia for Macon Opus 1, March 28-30 at the Macon Hilton in Macon (of course), Georgia. You can get more information from the Macon Hilton. Call information for information on what the telephone number is to get more information because nobody gave it to me!



NEXT MONTH: The Badger battles a Kung-Fu master to avenge... a snake? "Snake Bile Cognac," by Mike Baron, Bill Reinhold, Rick Bryant, and John Nyberg.

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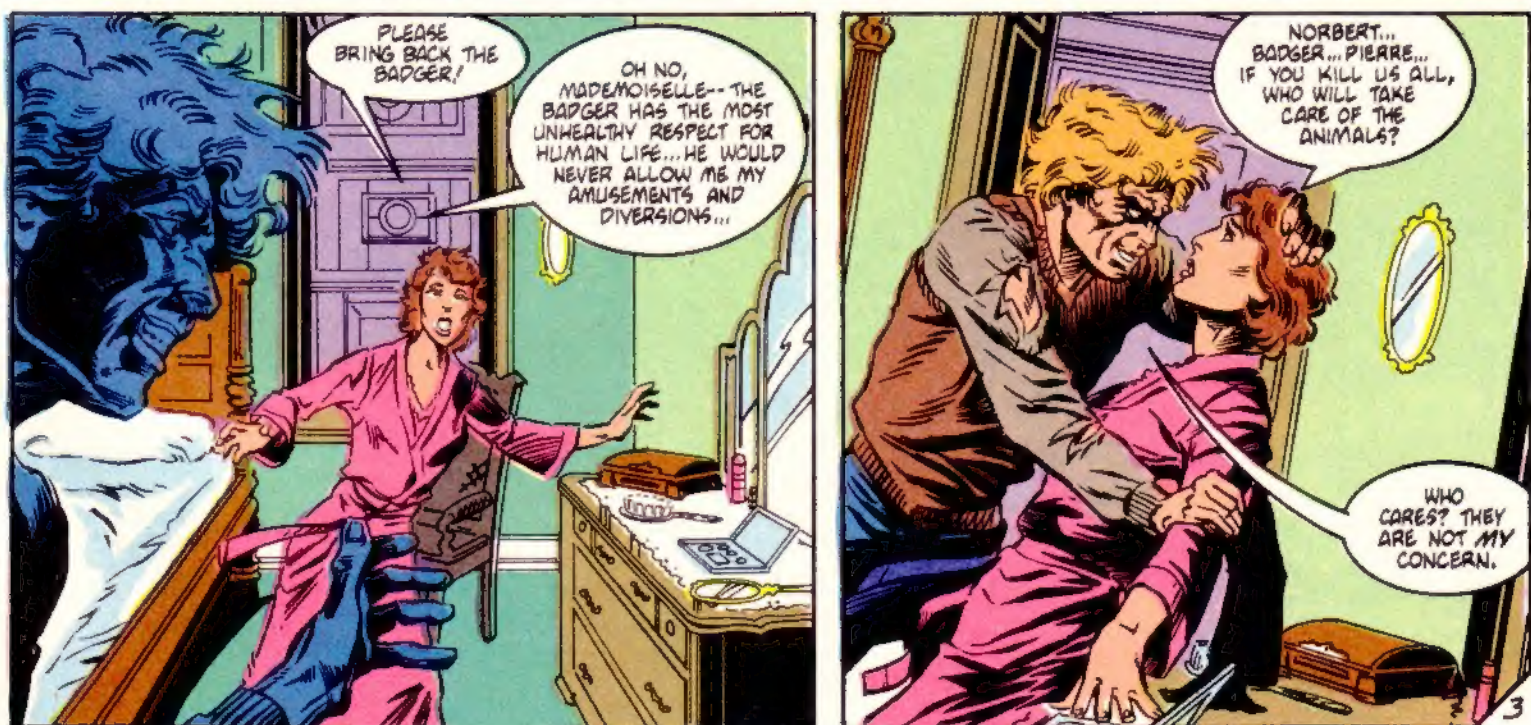
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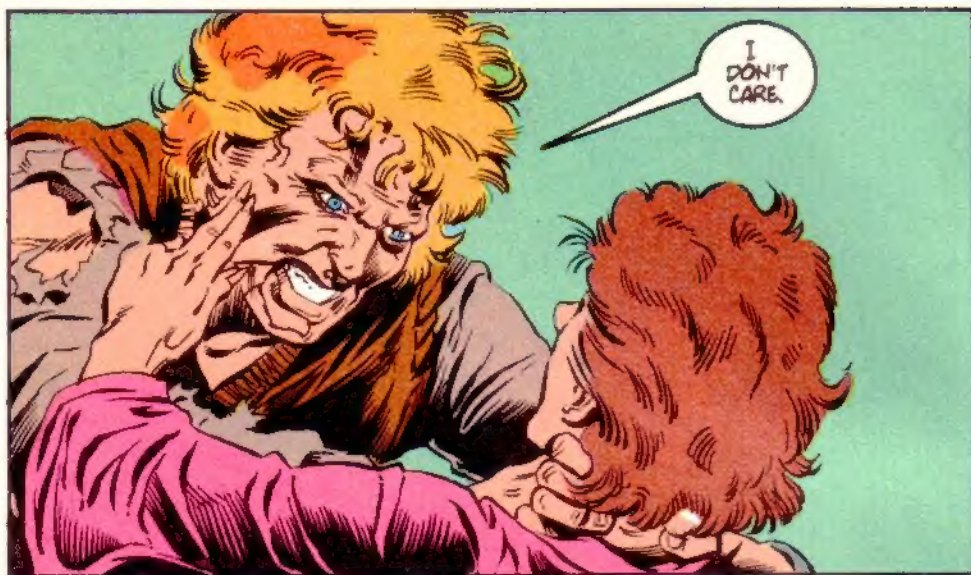
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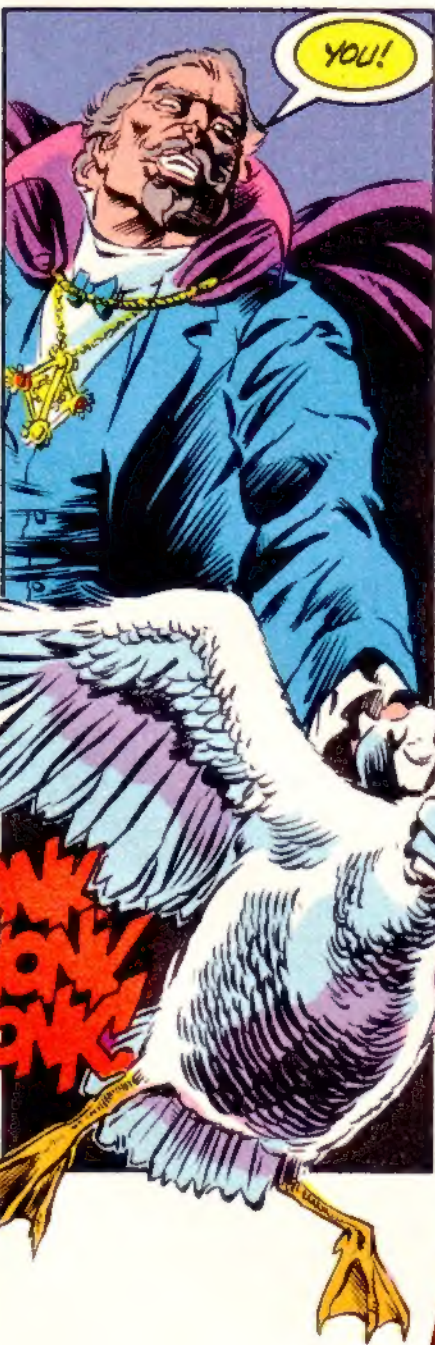
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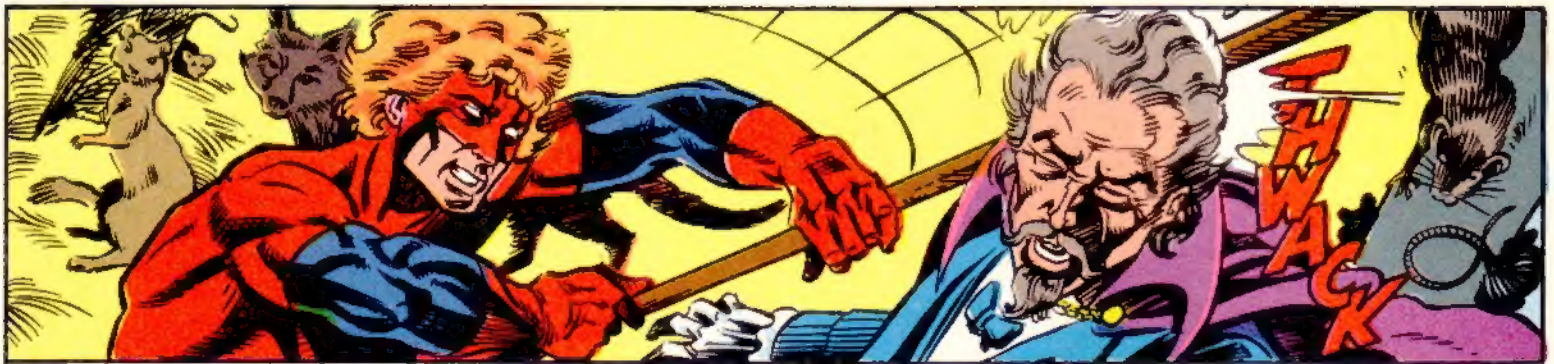
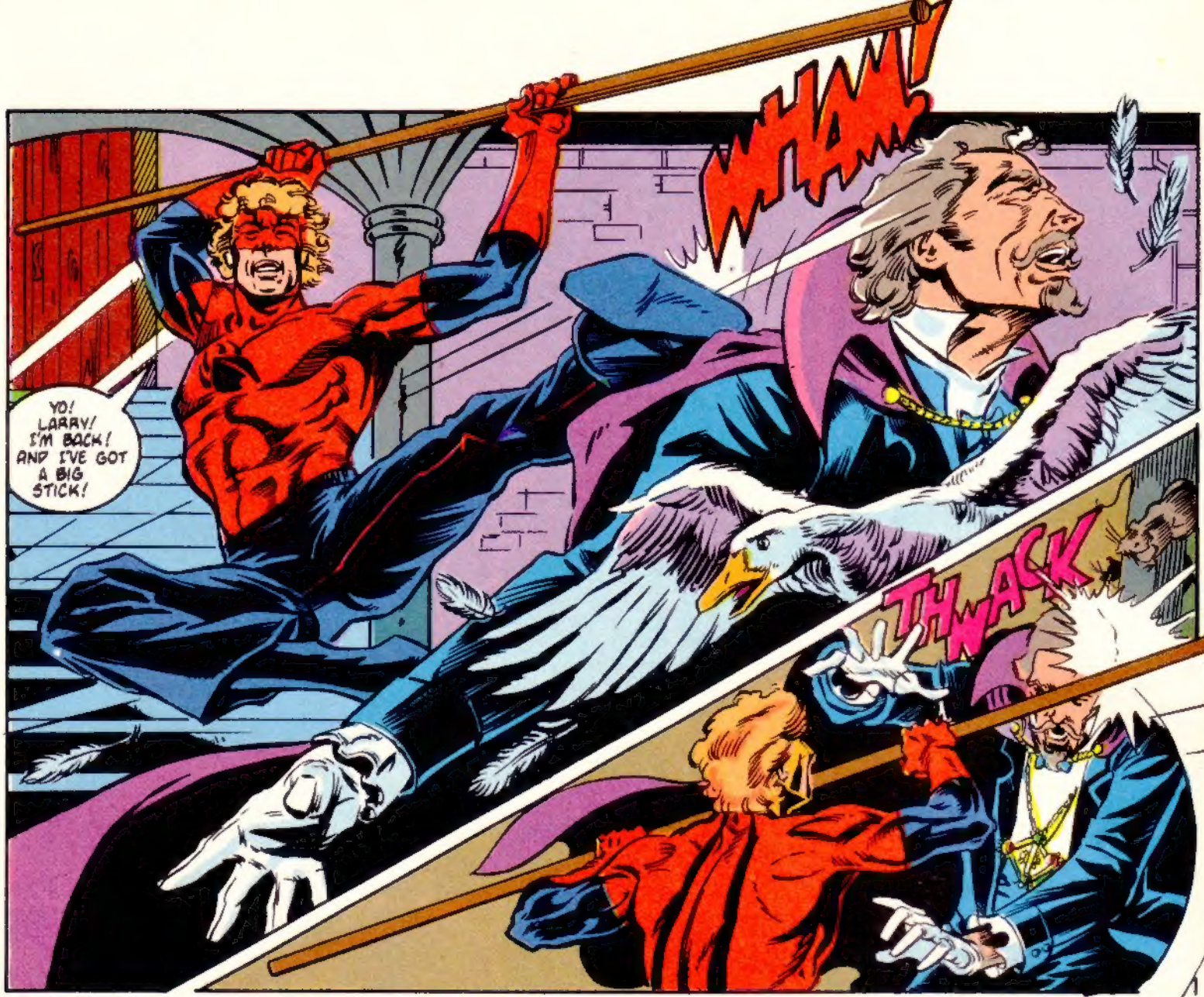


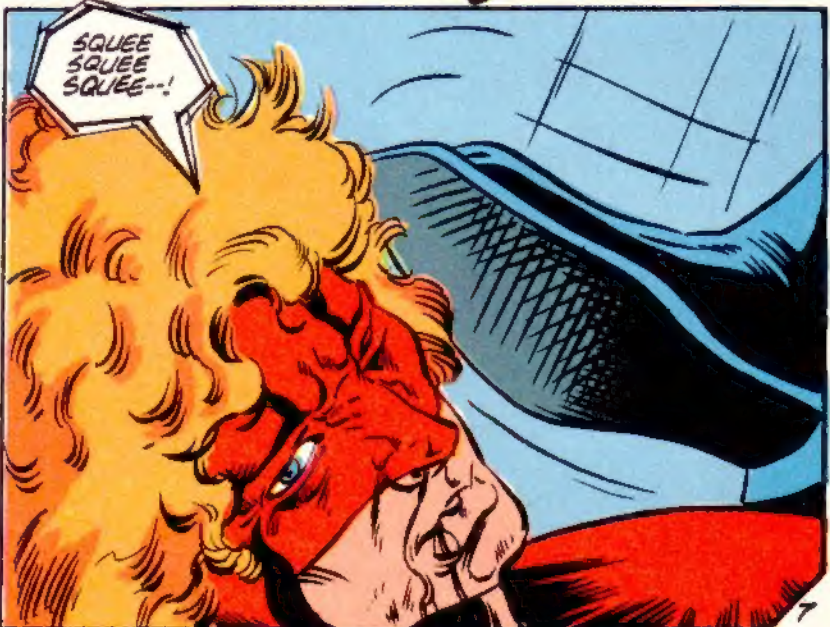


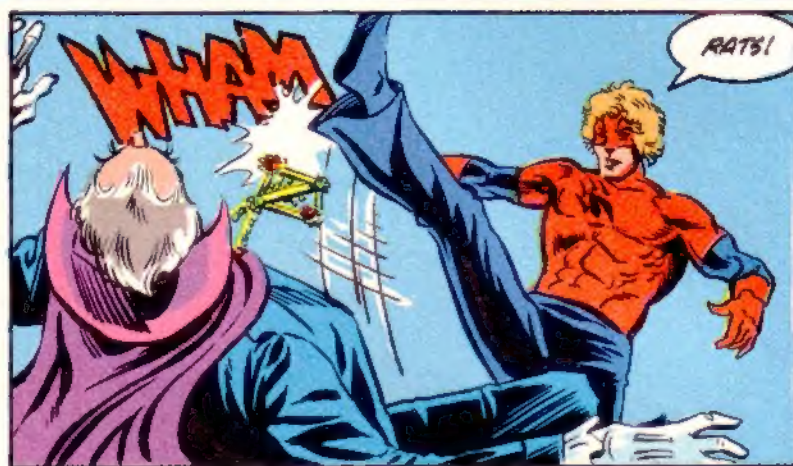
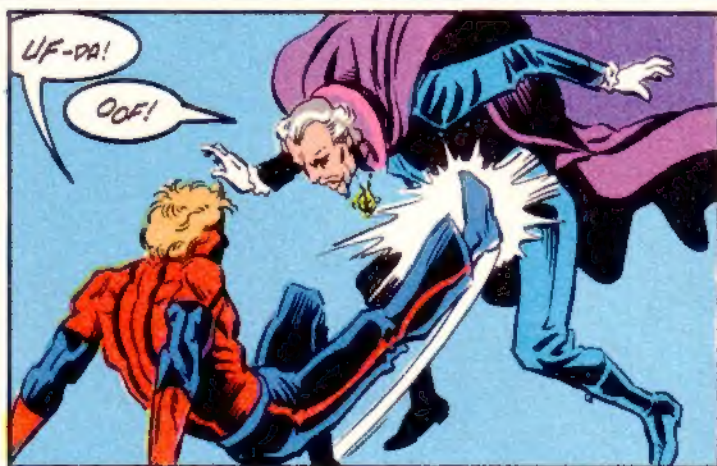


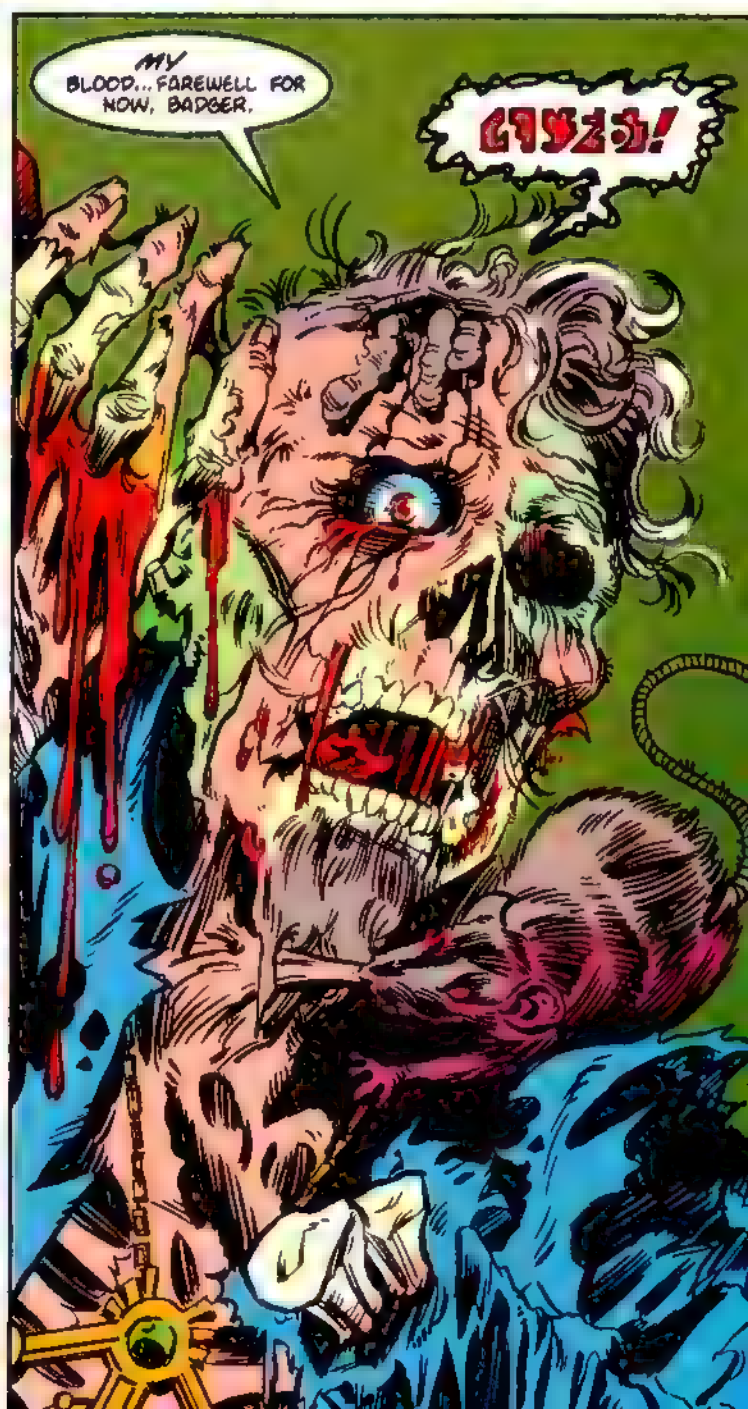
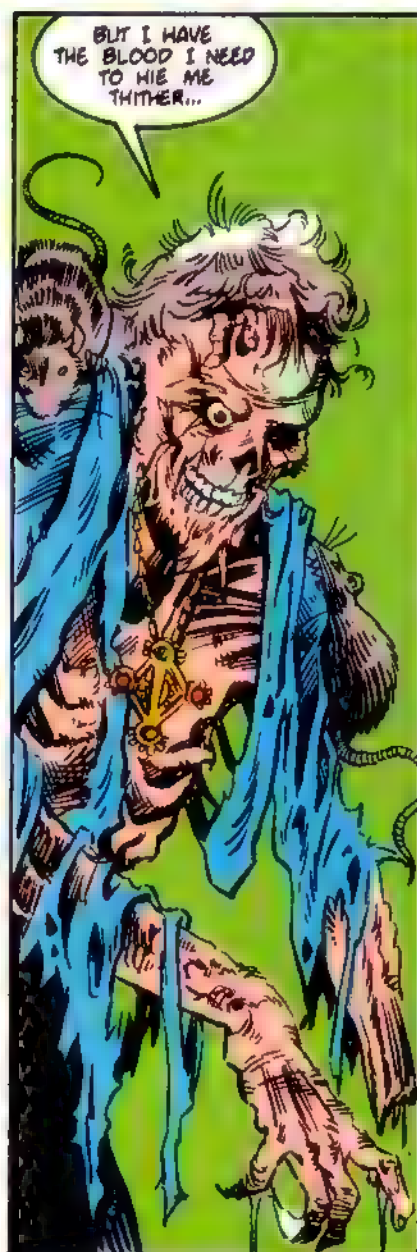


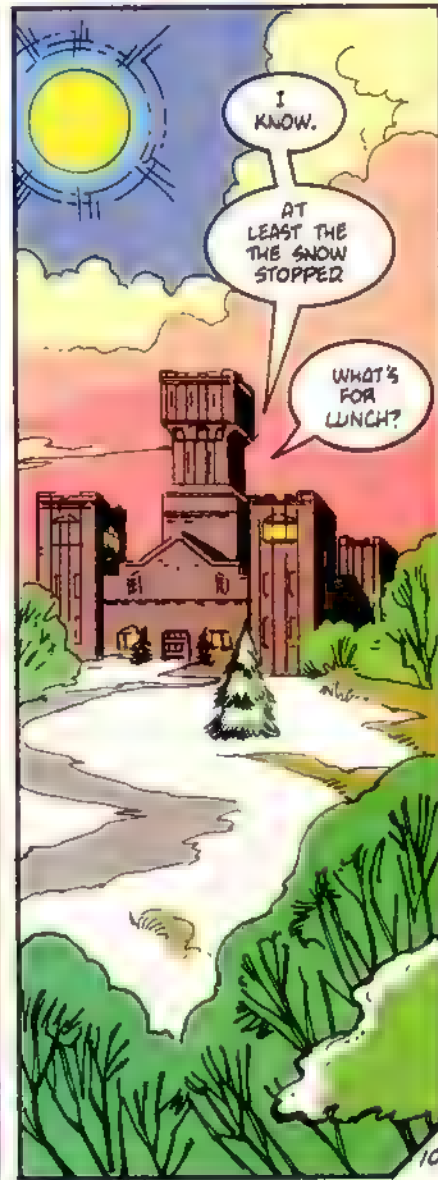
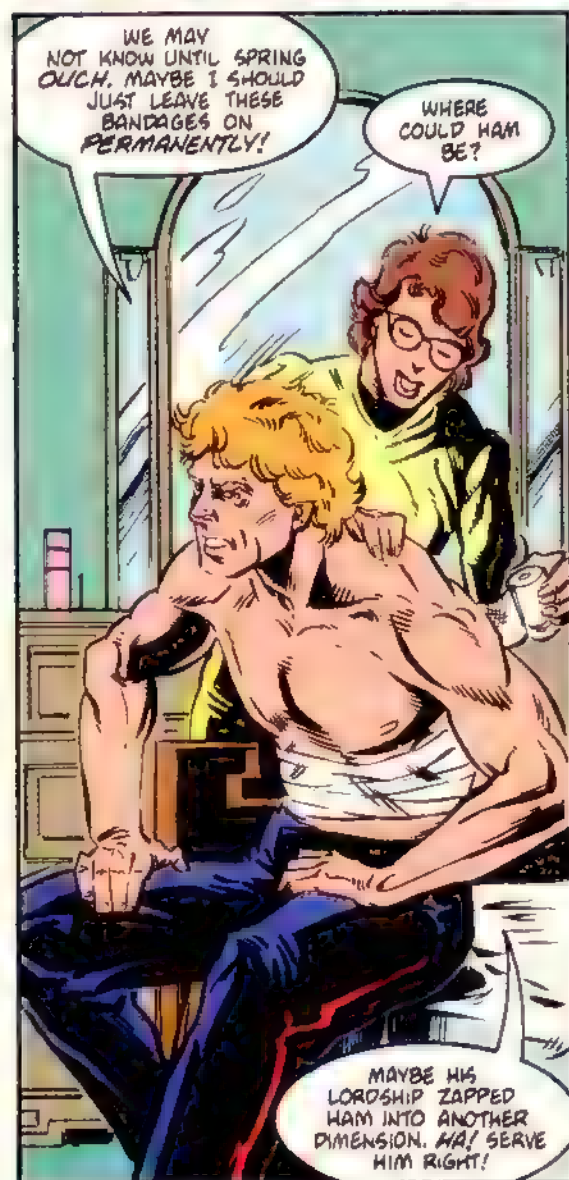
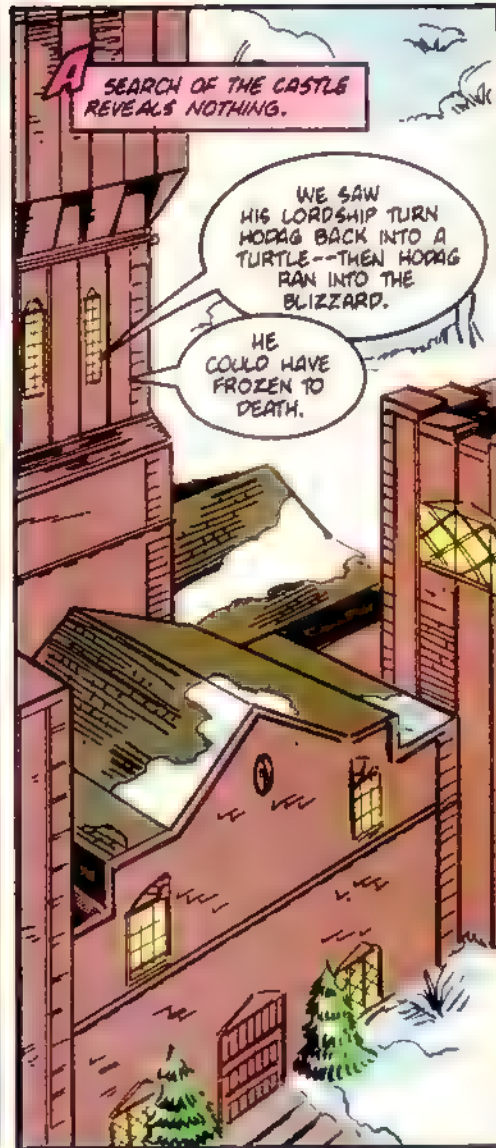
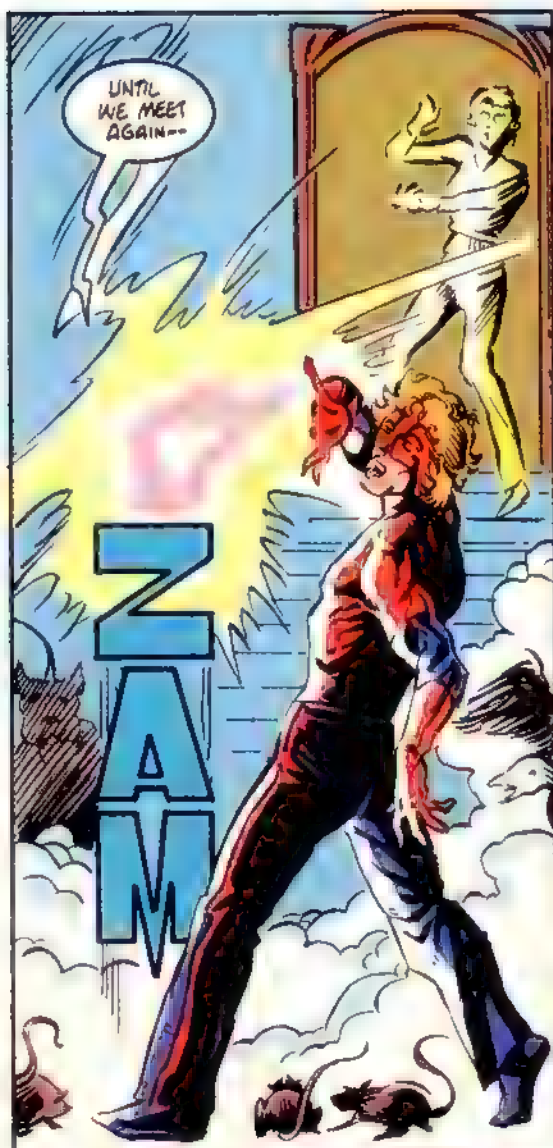


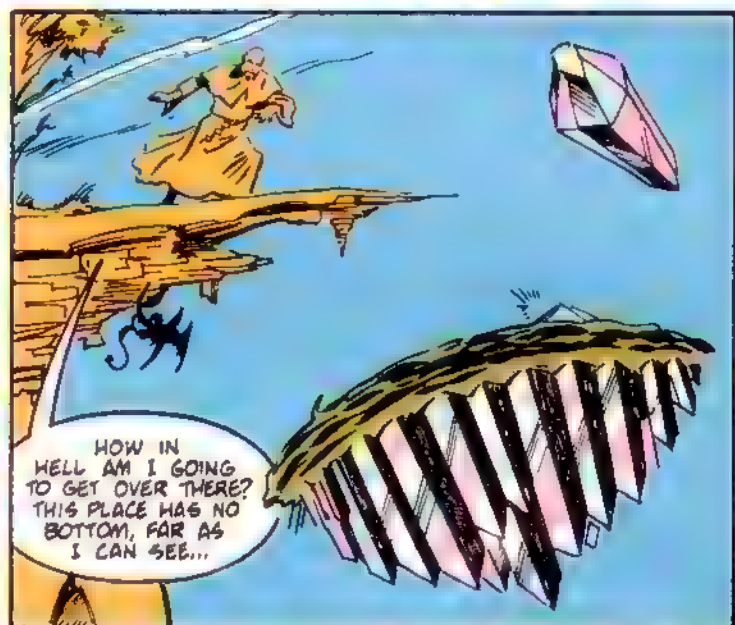














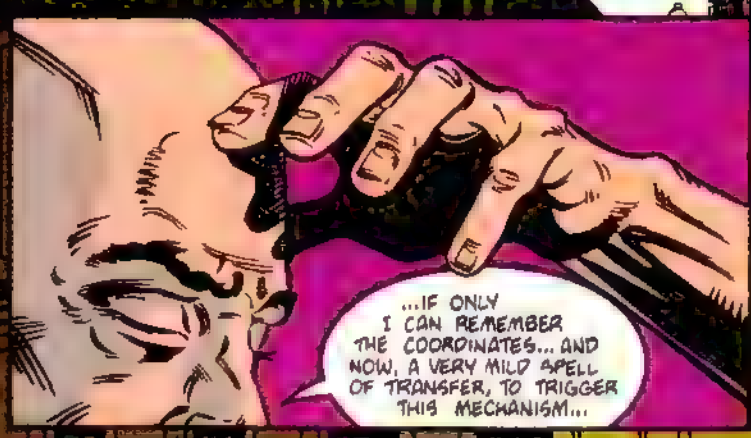
I DISLIKE BEING OUT OF TOUCH WITH MY BROKER FOR EXTENDED PERIODS.

SKREE SKREE

THIS PLACE WOULD MAKE AN IDEAL TOXIC WASTE DISPOSAL STATION... I MUST REMEMBER HOW TO GET HERE...



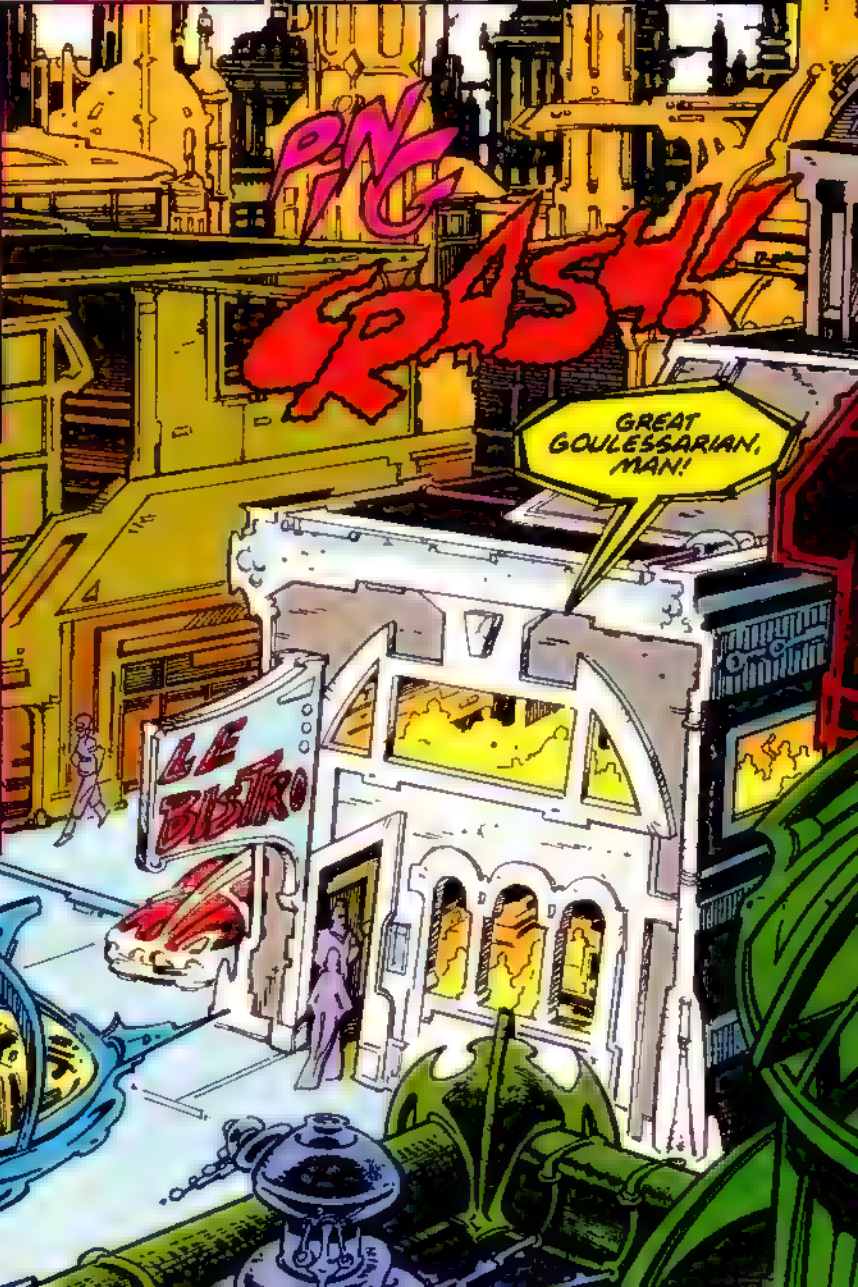
YES... WITH RILEY'S CONTACTS IN GOVERNMENT, WE CAN LEASE THIS OUT FOR NUCLEAR WASTE AND SO FORTH... THERE'S A PRETTY PENNY TO BE MADE HERE...



...IF ONLY I CAN REMEMBER THE COORDINATES... AND NOW, A VERY MILD SPELL OF TRANSFER, TO TRIGGER THIS MECHANISM...

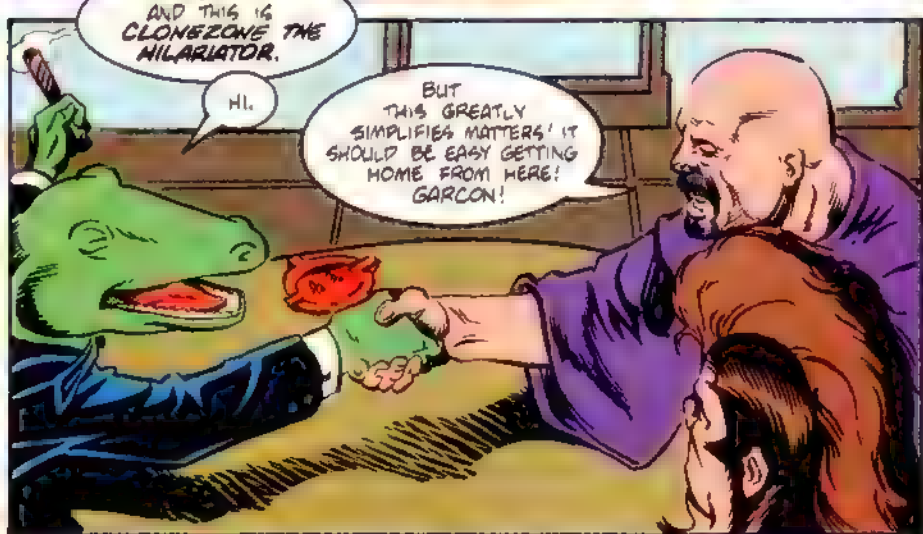
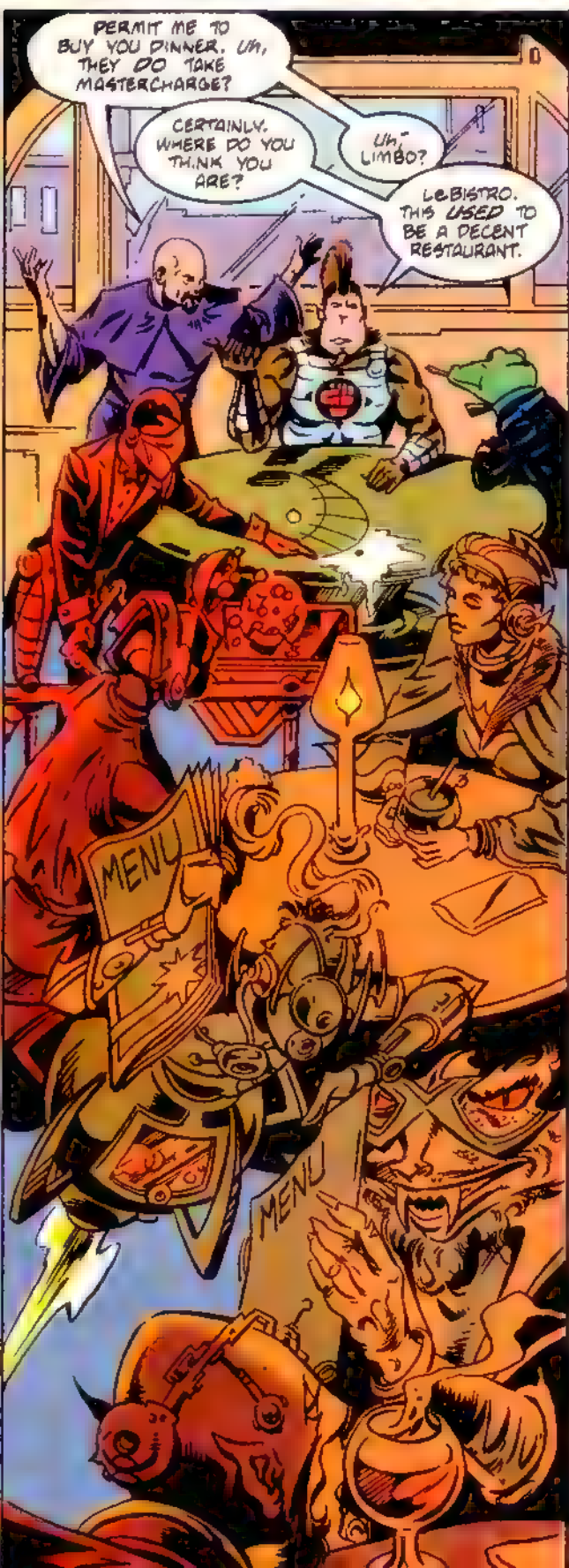
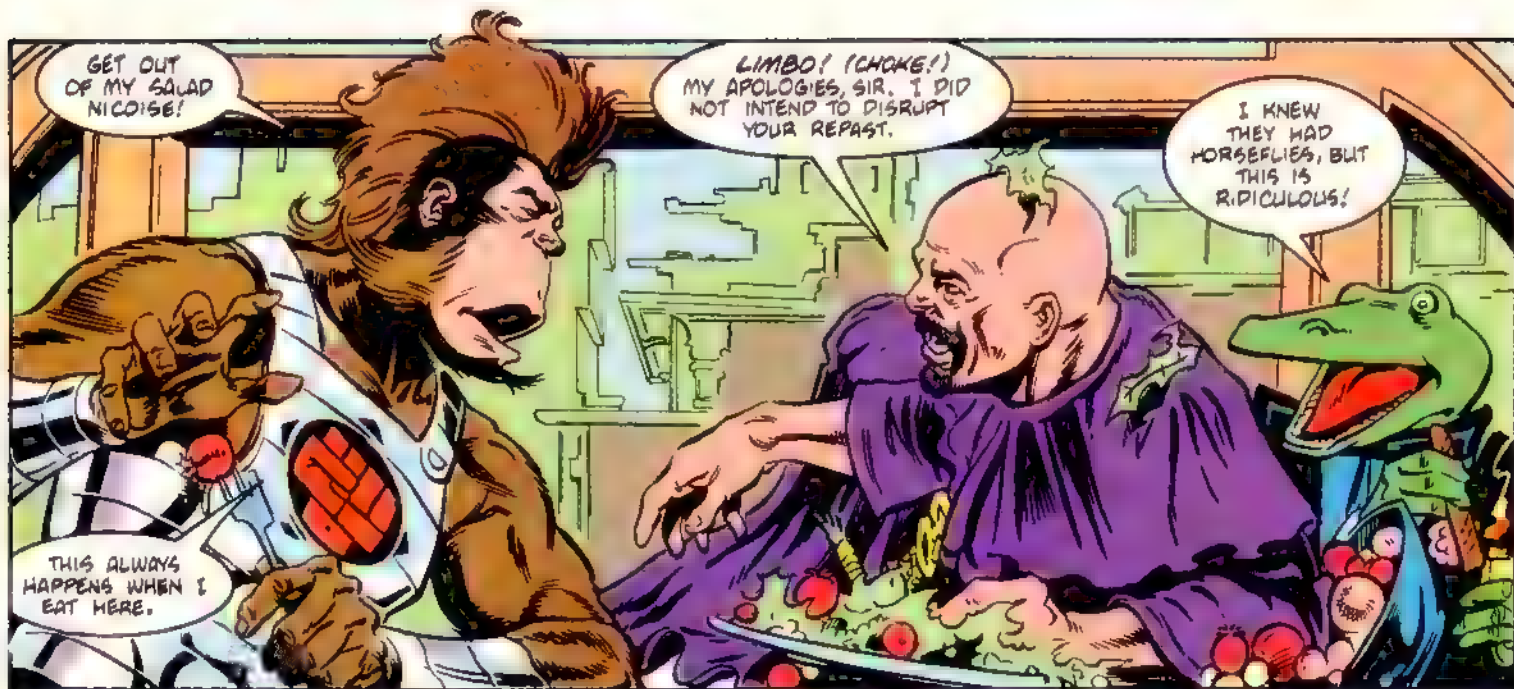


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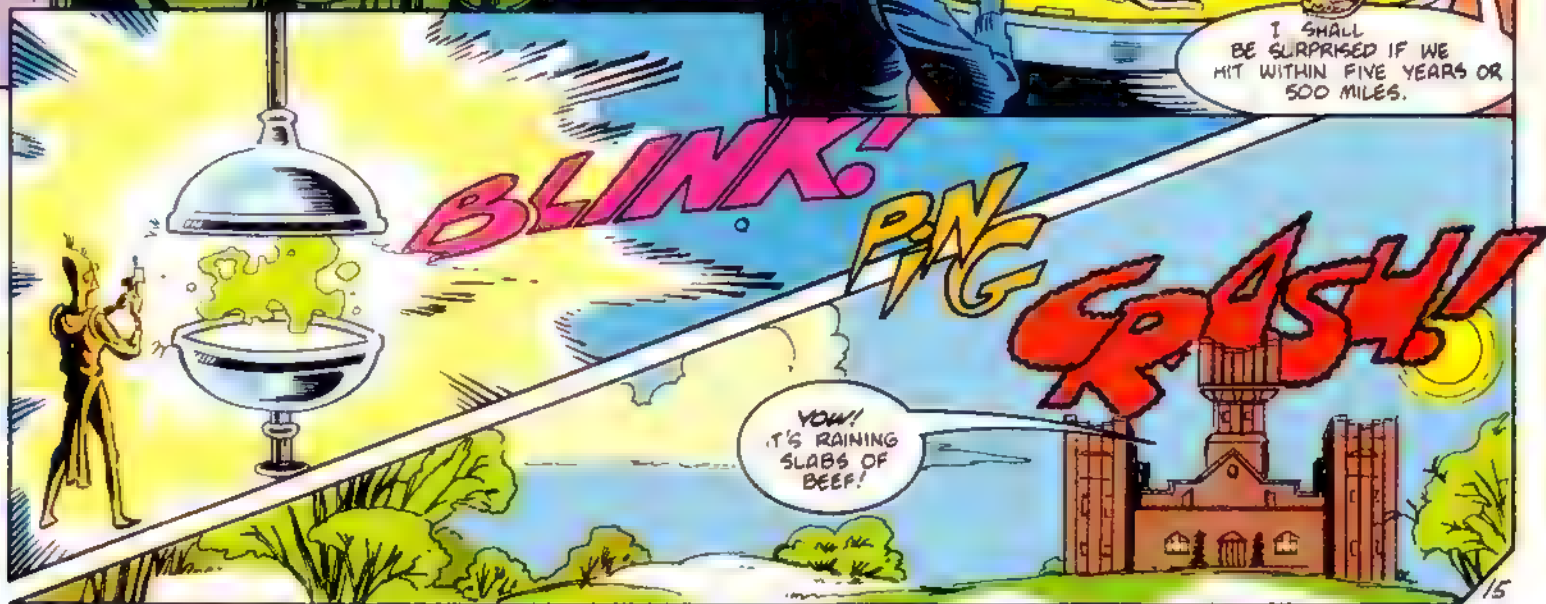
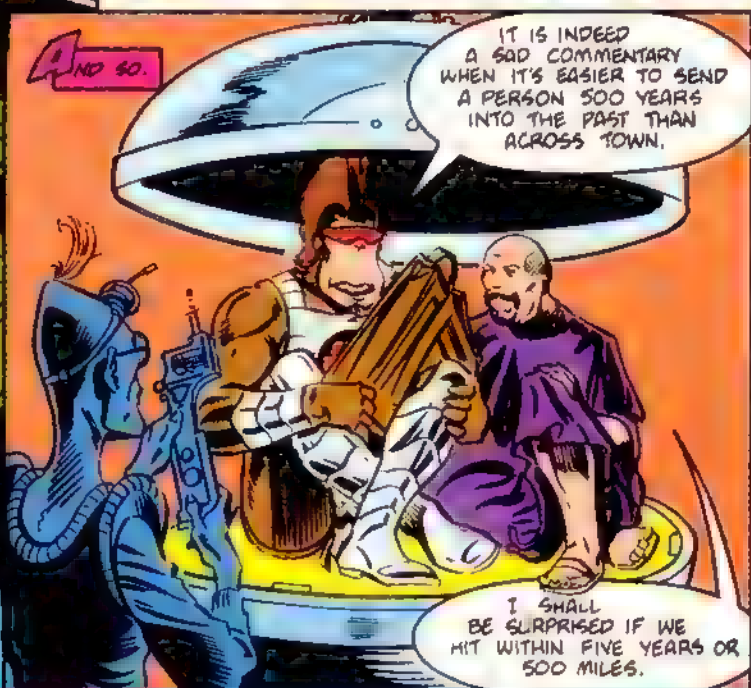
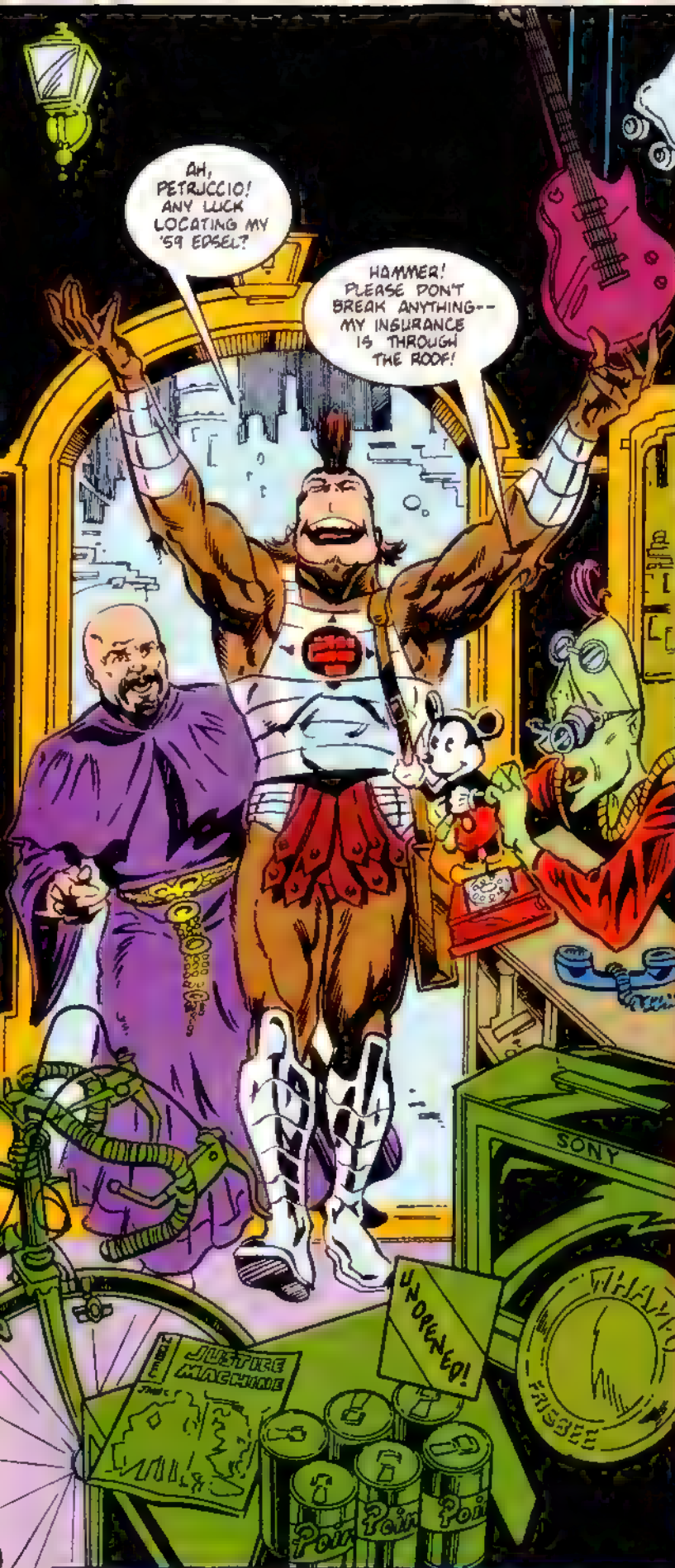


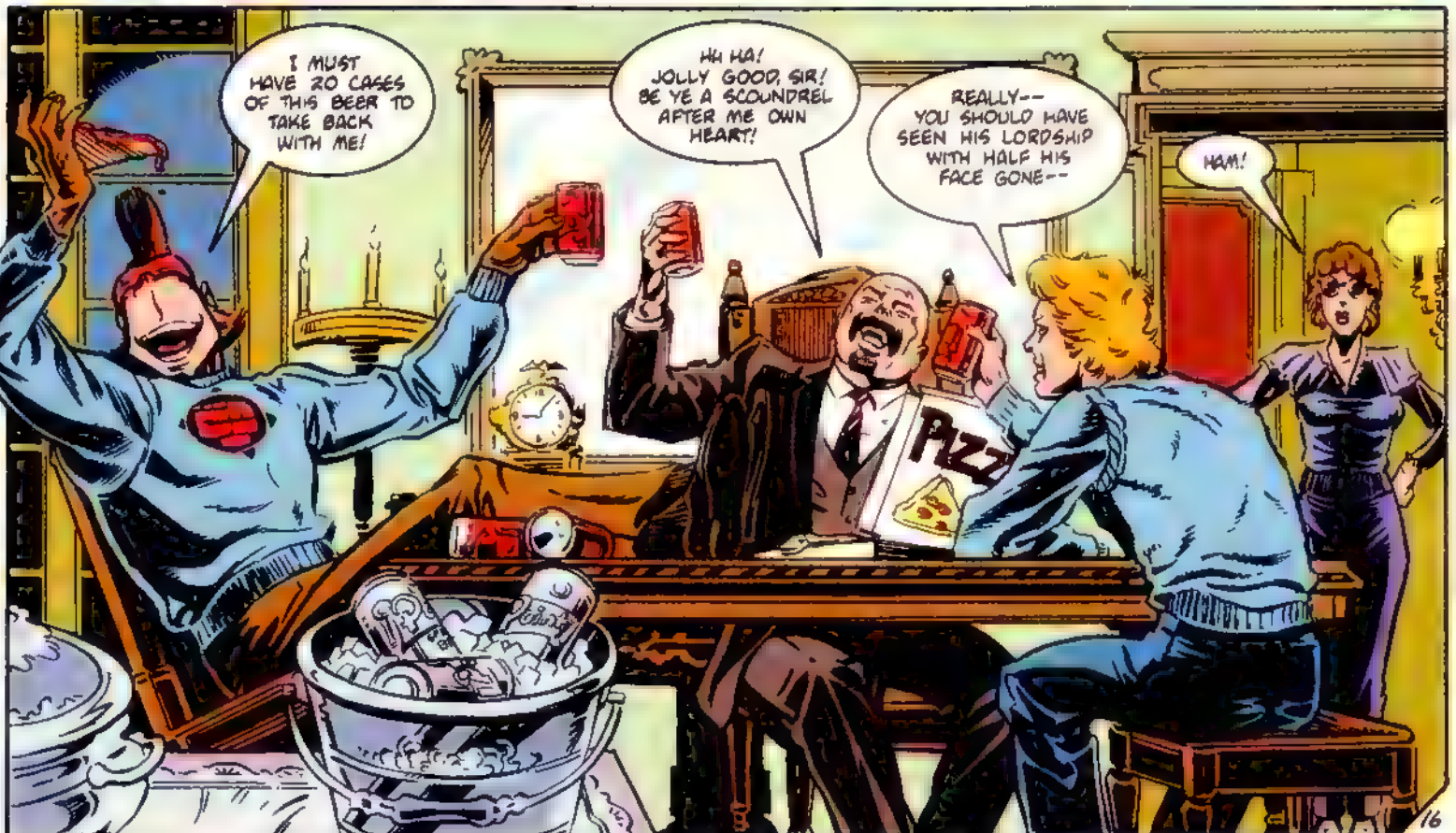
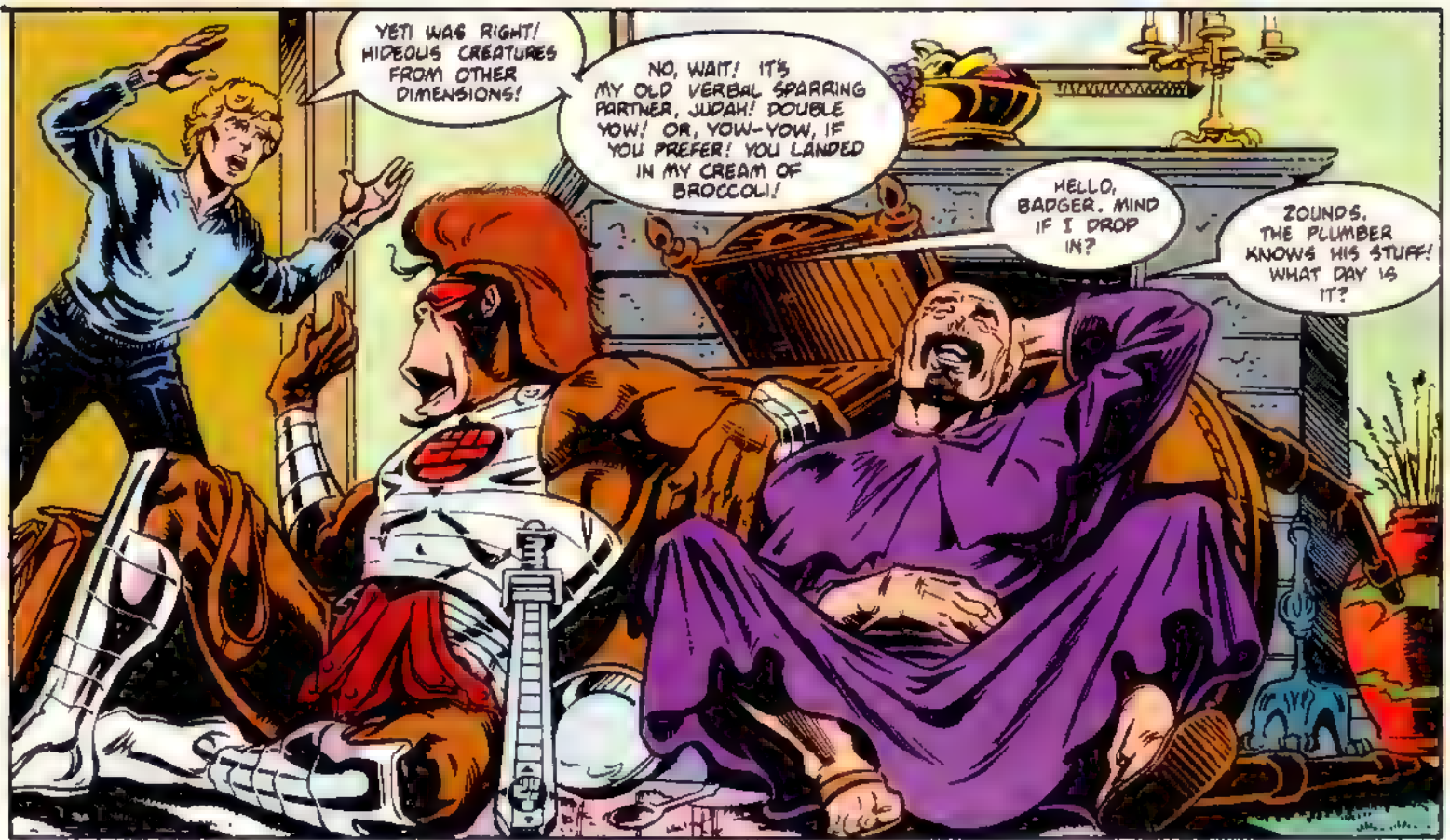
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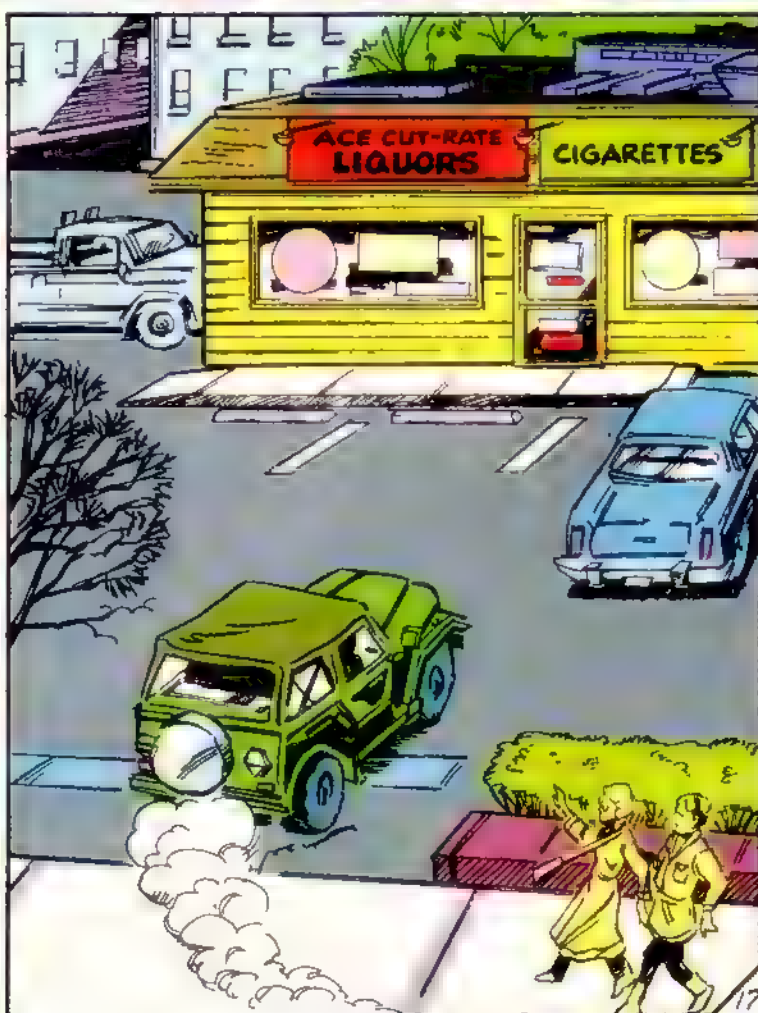
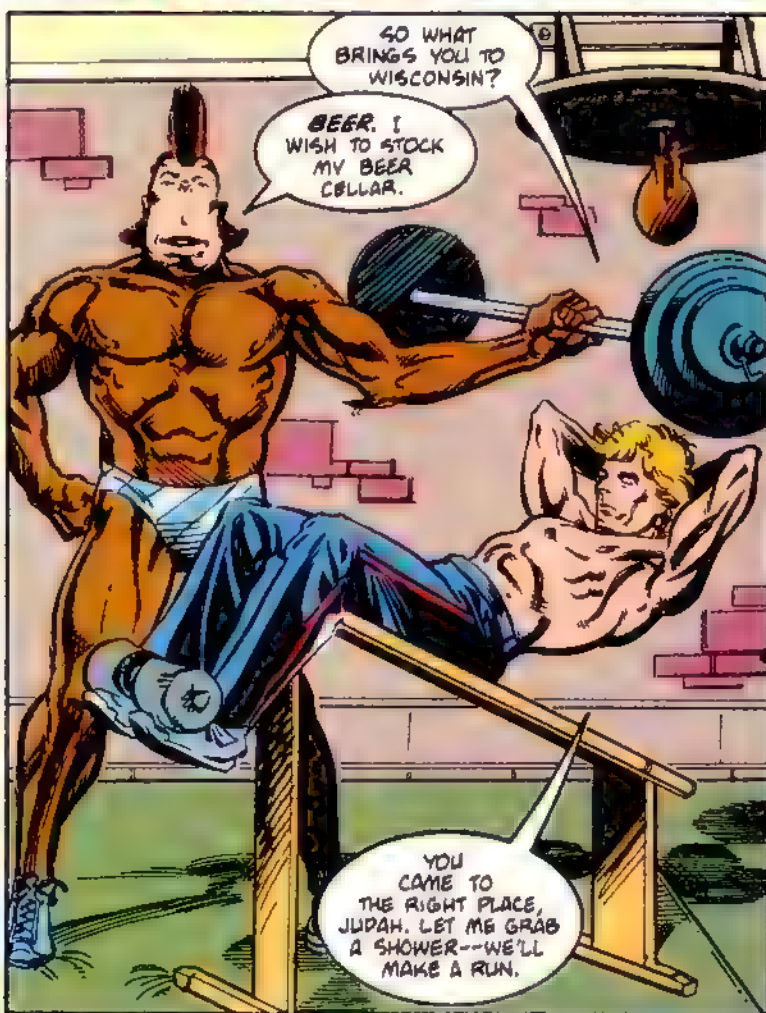
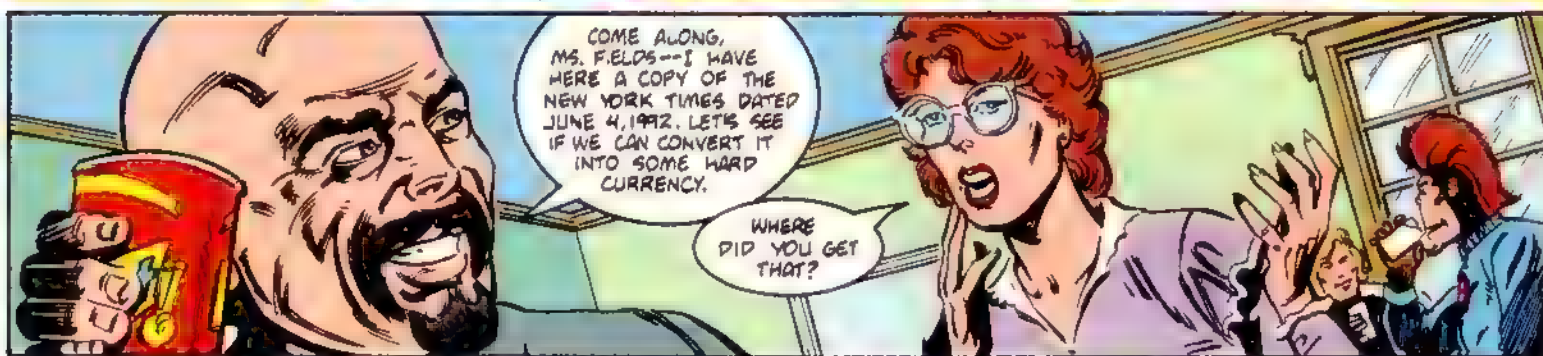
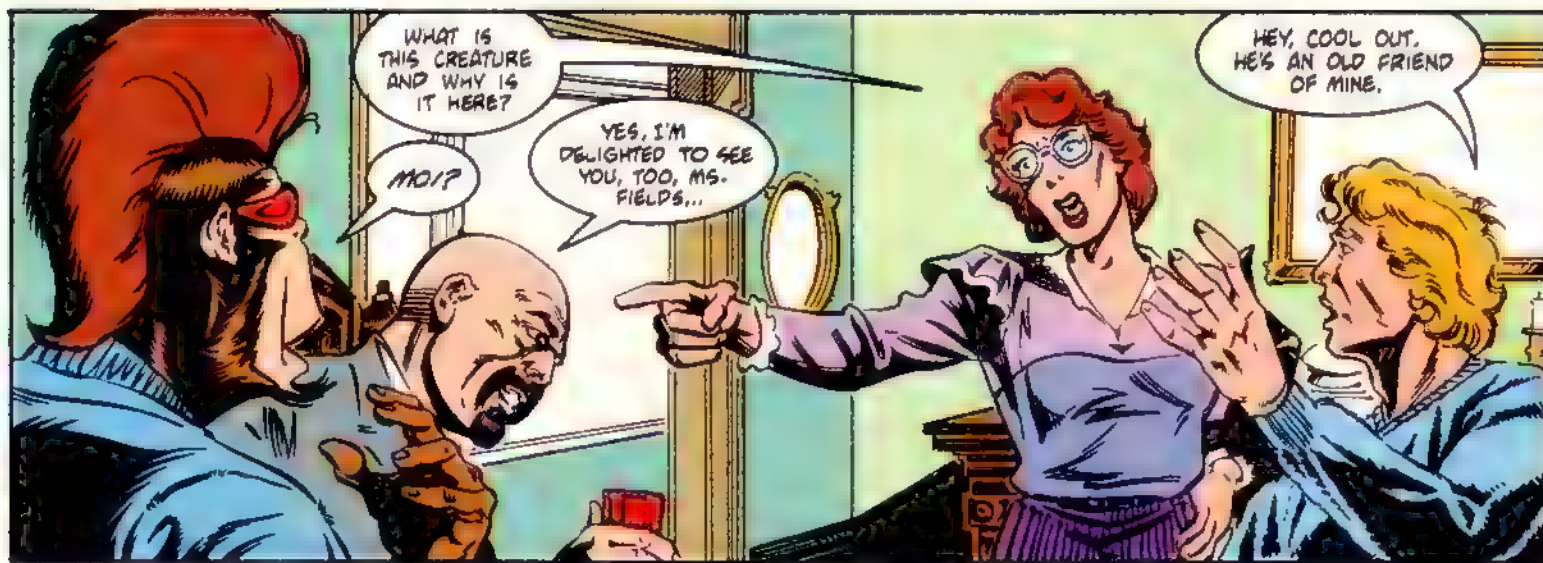
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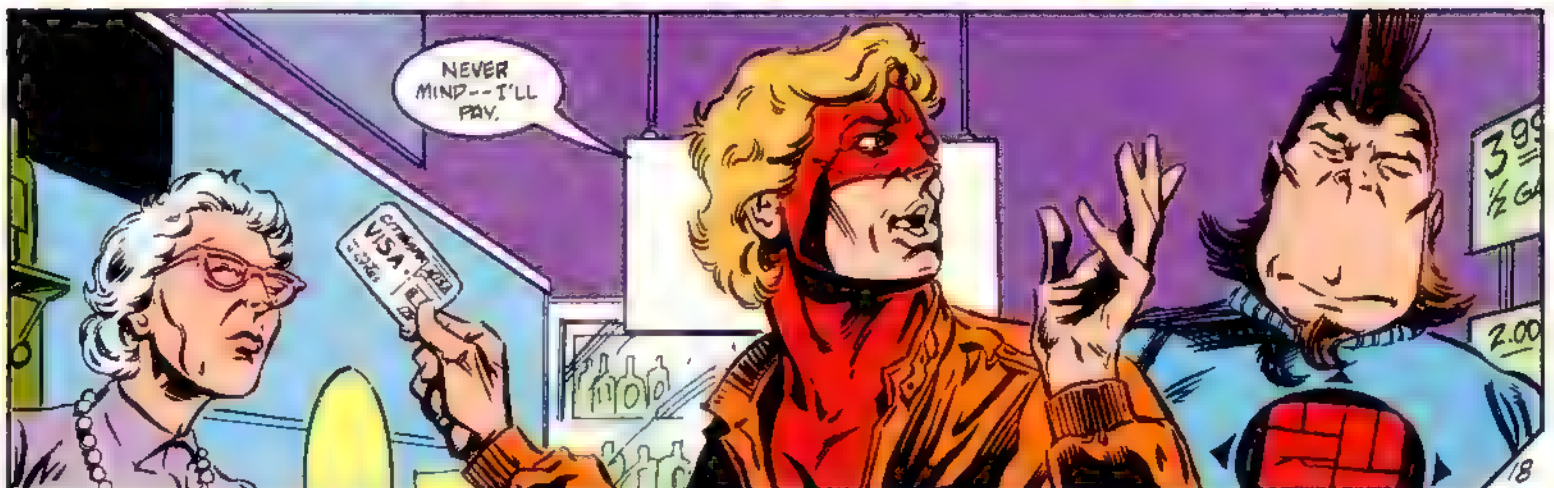
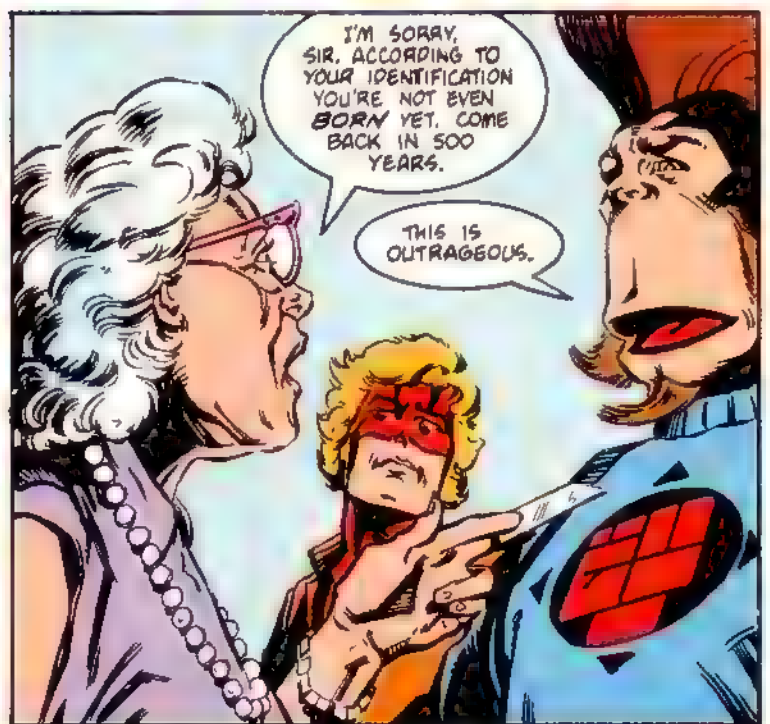
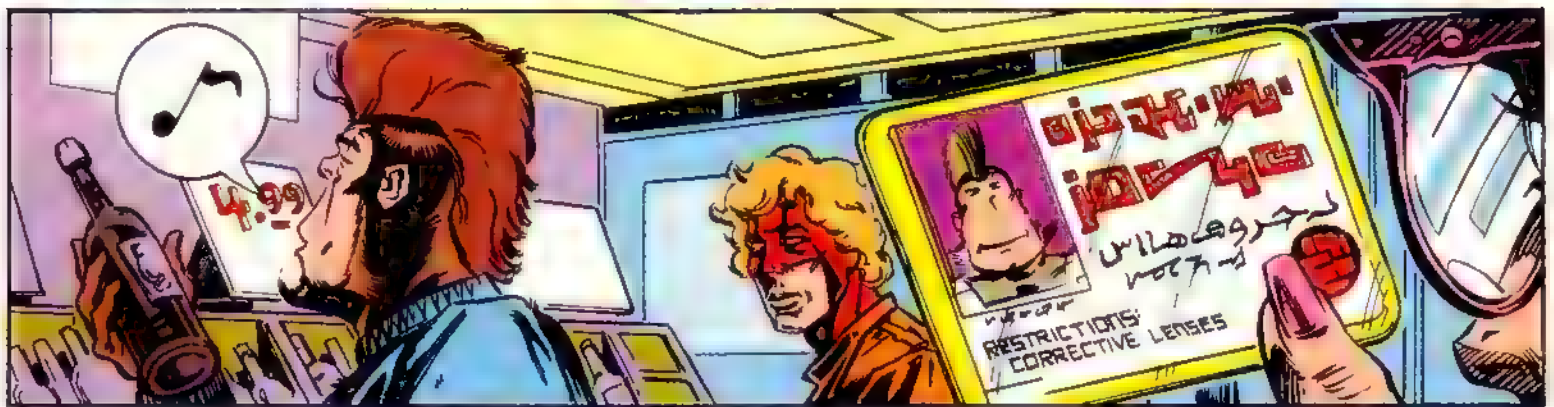


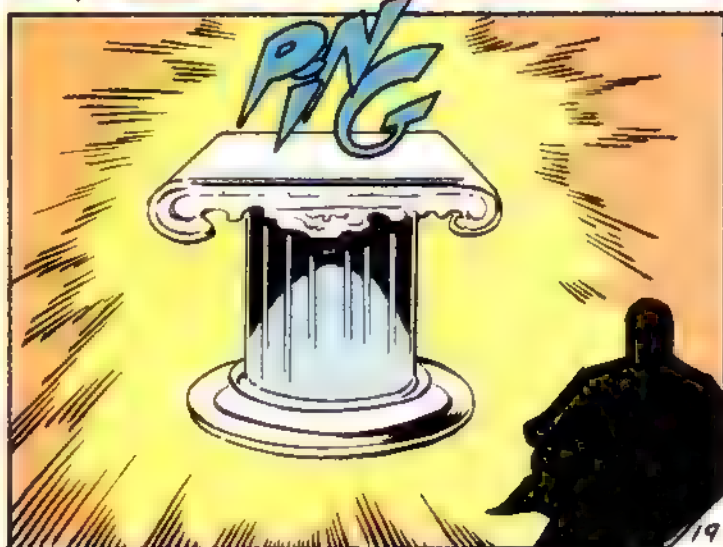
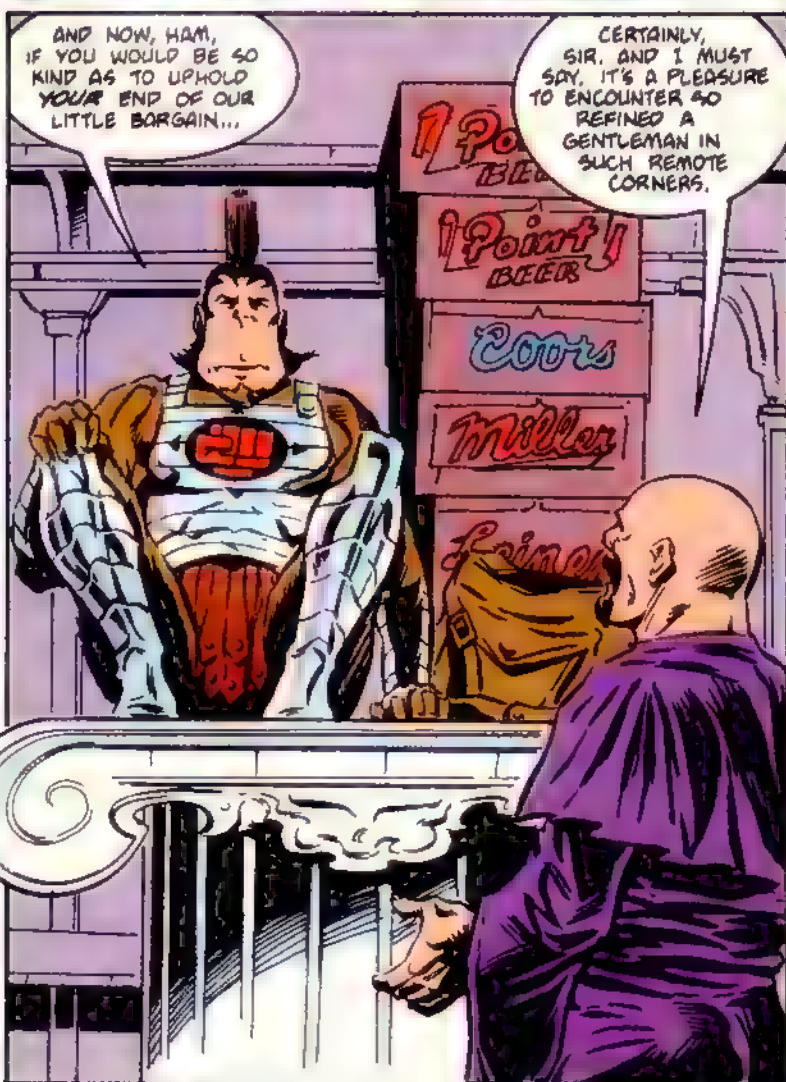
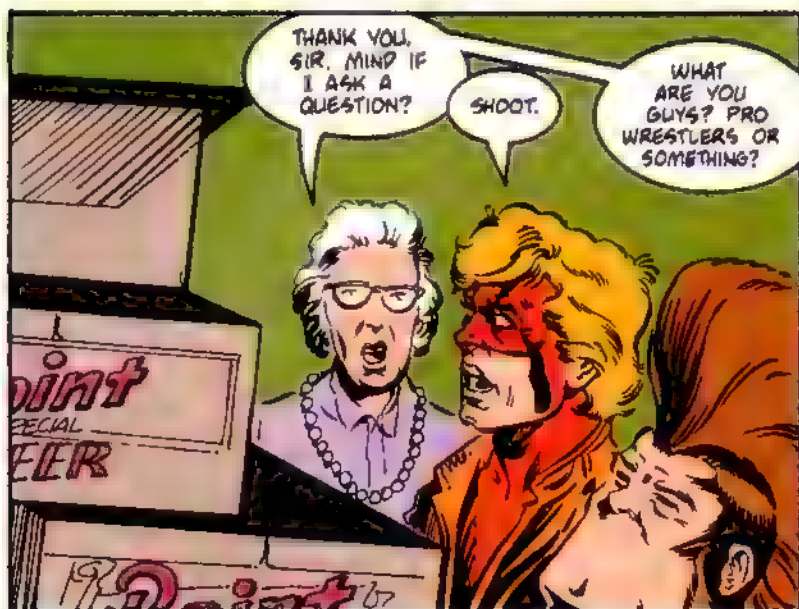


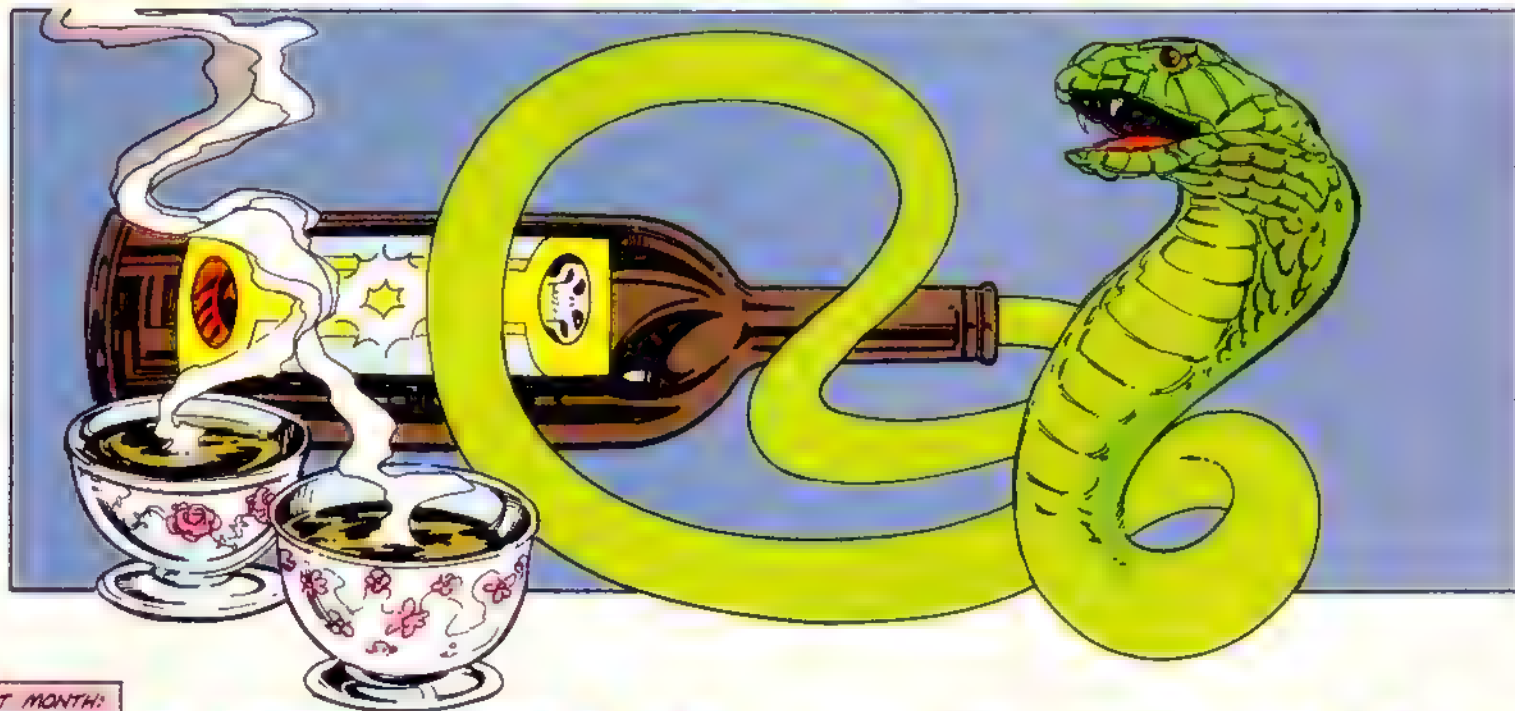
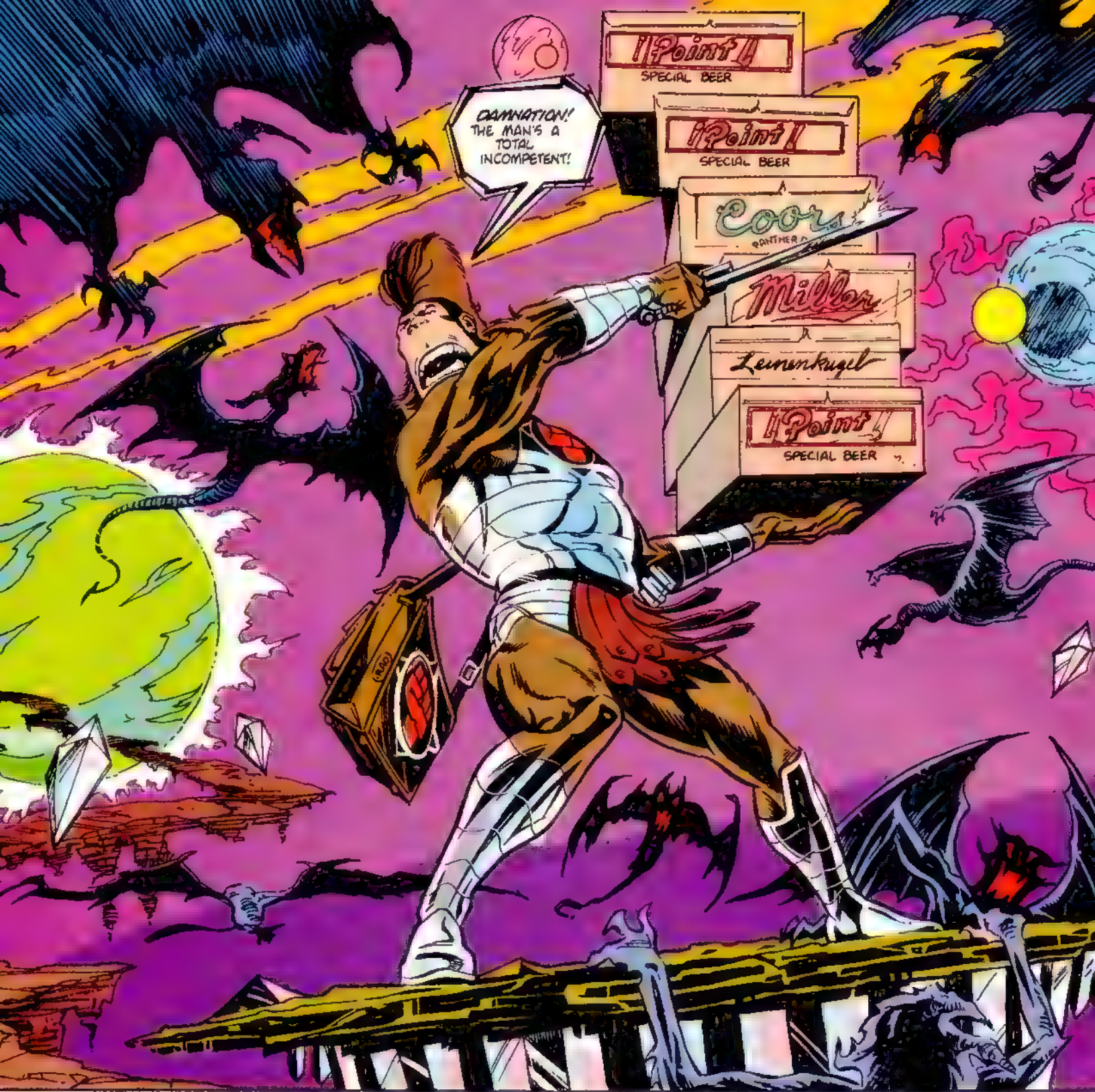






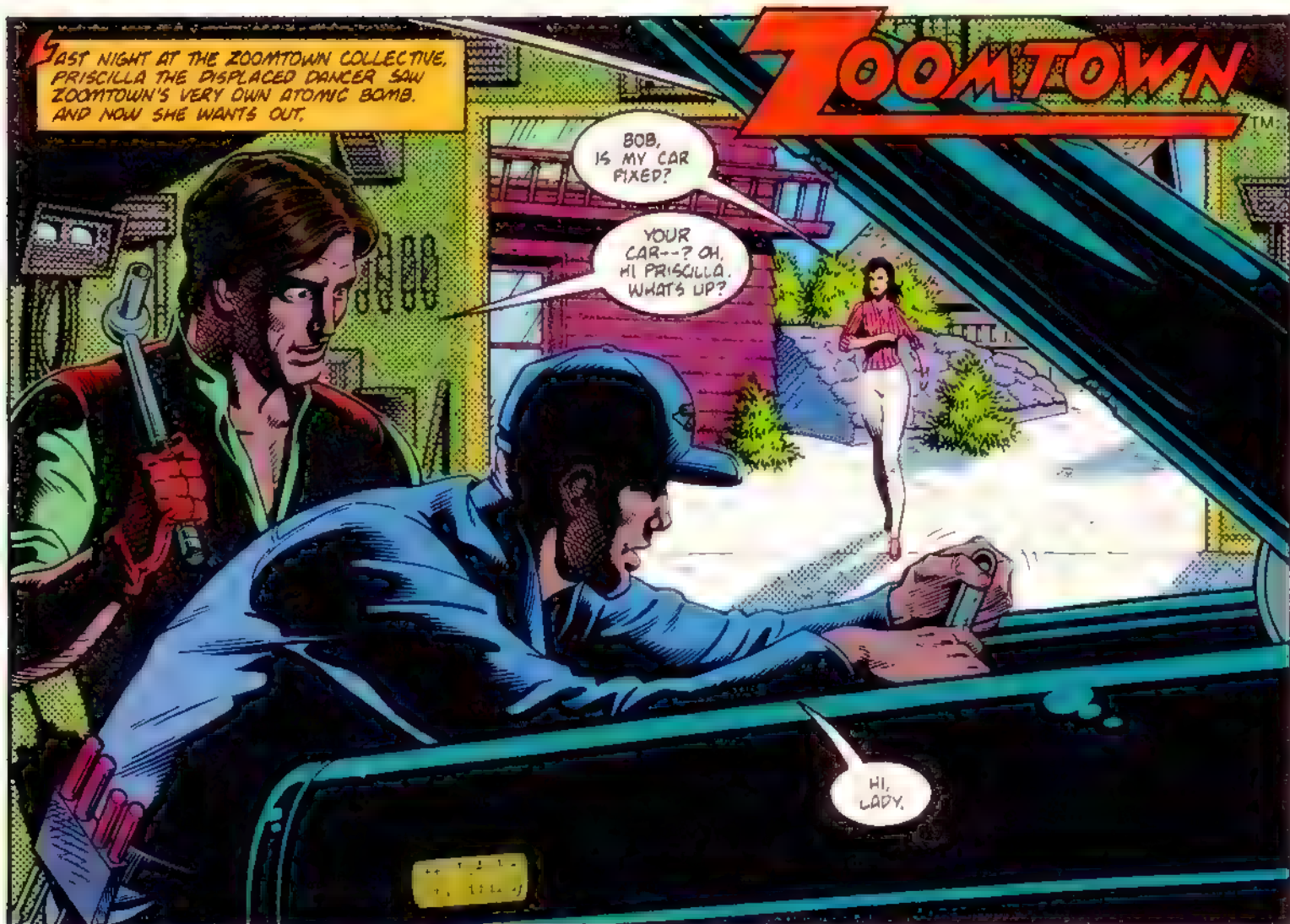






EXT MONTH:

SNAKE BILE COGNAC



LAST NIGHT AT THE ZOOMTOWN COLLECTIVE, PRISCILLA THE DISPLACED DANCER SAW ZOOMTOWN'S VERY OWN ATOMIC BOMB. AND NOW SHE WANTS OUT.

ZOOMTOWN

BOB,
IS MY CAR
FIXED?

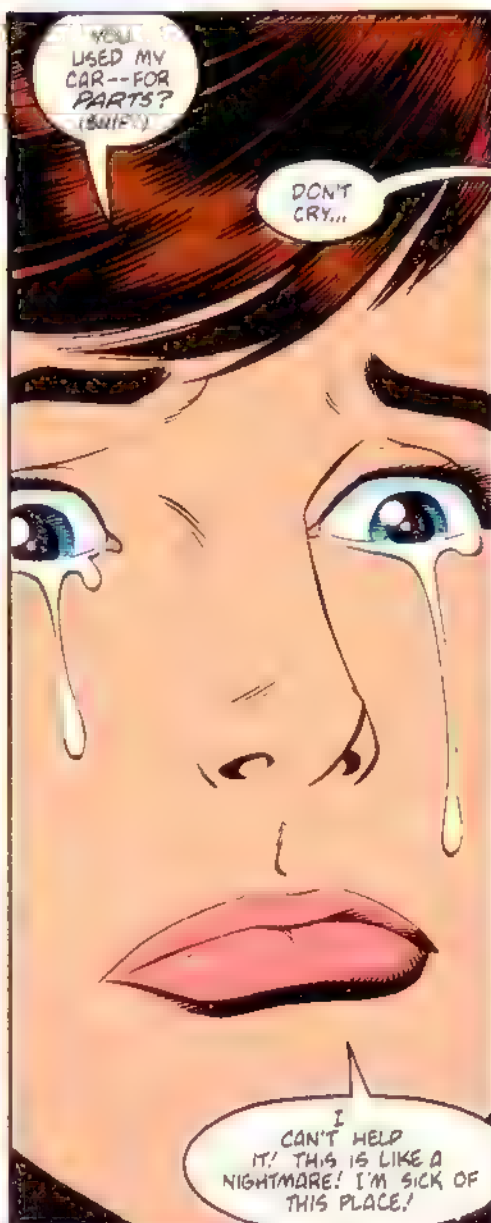
YOUR
CAR--? OH,
HI PRISCILLA.
WHAT'S UP?

HI,
LADY.



I WANT
TO LEAVE. RIGHT
NOW! WHERE'S
MY CAR?

PRISCILLA,
I'M SO EMBARRASSED...
WE USED YOUR CAR
FOR PARTS.



YOU
USED MY
CAR--FOR
PARTS?
(GUILT)

DON'T
CRY...

I
CAN'T HELP
IT! THIS IS LIKE A
NIGHTMARE! I'M SICK OF
THIS PLACE!



OKAY NONE
OF THAT NOW... RICH
AND I WILL JUST HAVE
TO RUN YOU DOWN TO
THE FLOTE IN THE
ZOOMOBILE.

BUT
THE GAS--
IT COSTS SO
MUCH...

DON'T YOU
WORRY ABOUT THE
FUEL. WE FETCHED YOU
UP HERE SO I GUESS IT'S
OUR RESPONSIBILITY
TO FETCH YOU DOWN
AGAIN.

THAT'S
RIGHT!

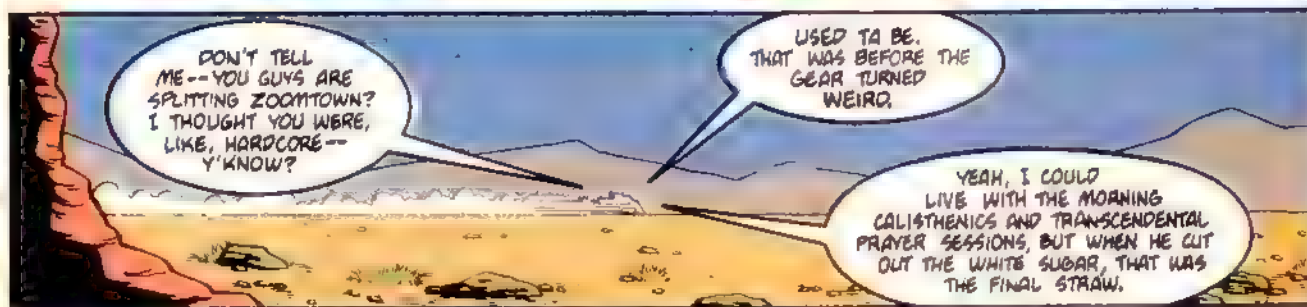
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SOON THE GIANT ZOOMTOWN
LAND CRUISER HUMS DOWN
FROM THE COLORADO ROCKIES
HEADING FOR THE UTAH FLATS.

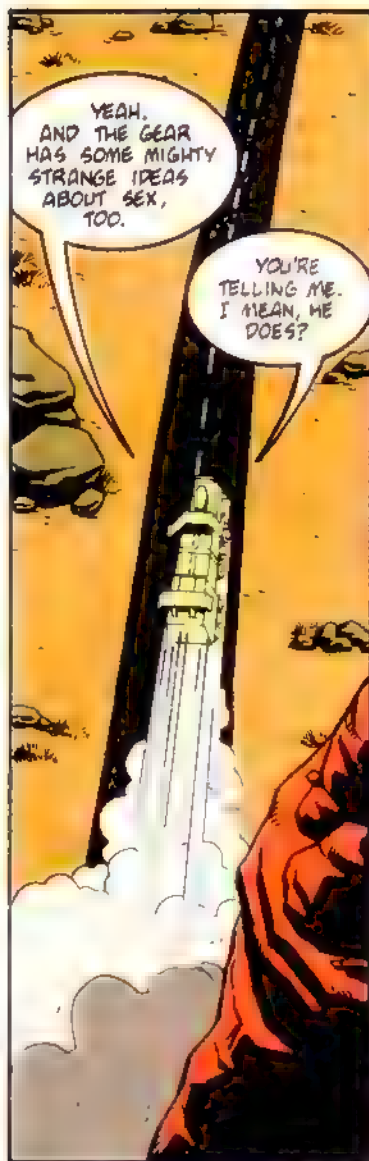
WE
SHOULD BE
IN VEGAS IN
ABOUT TWO
HOURS.

WHY
DID YOU
CUT UP MY
CAR?

OH HELL,
WE NEEDED THE
PARTS FOR THIS OLD
WAGON. THAT DAMNED
GEAR IS SO
CHEAP--!

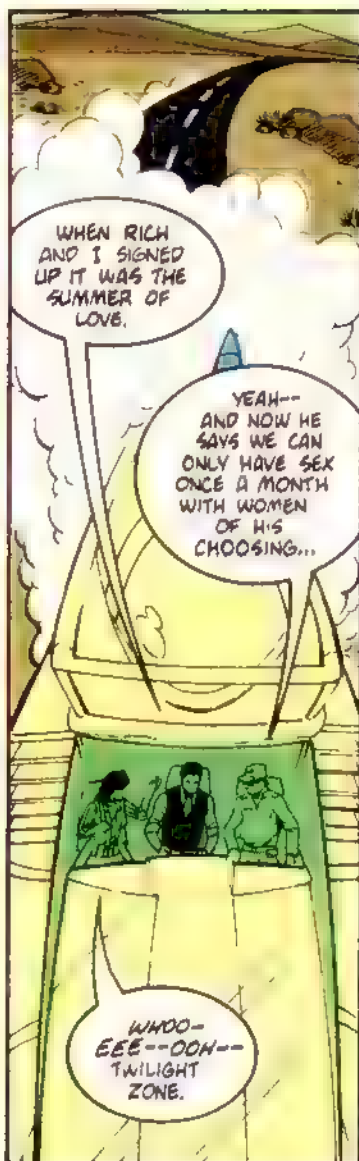


Doing the Strip



YEAH, AND THE GEAR HAS SOME MIGHTY STRANGE IDEAS ABOUT SEX, TOO.

YOU'RE TELLING ME, I MEAN, HE DOES?



WHEN RICH AND I SIGNED UP IT WAS THE SUMMER OF LOVE.

YEAH-- AND NOW HE SAYS WE CAN ONLY HAVE SEX ONCE A MONTH WITH WOMEN OF HIS CHOOSING...

WHOO--
EEE--OOW--
TWILIGHT ZONE.



BUT OUR EYES ARE OPEN NOW. WE'RE GOING TO GET BACK WHAT'S OURS!

UH-OH... WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

SHUT UP, BOB.



WAIT A MINUTE--WHAT ARE YOU GUYS UP TO?

SHE HAS A RIGHT TO KNOW--SHE'S SEEN THE COLLECTIVE FIRST HAND... SHE KNOWS WHAT'S GOING ON!

BOB, YOU'D BETTER BUTTON IT.



NO SIR, I'M GOING TO SHOW HER, RICH-- TAKE THE WHEEL.

PRIS-- TAKE THE WHEEL.

ME? ARE YOU NUTS?



JUST RELAX-- KEEP IT IN A STRAIGHT LINE... COME ON, RICH. HELP ME WITH THIS THING.



HEY--GODDAMN YOU GUYS! I'VE NEVER DRIVEN ANYTHING BIGGER THAN AN ISUZU PUP!

HOW DO I SLOW DOWN?

ALL RIGHT--BUT I STILL SAY THIS AIN'T A GOOD IDEA.

